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TO: HON. DOUGLAS DILLON  
767 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

DEAR DOUG: DELIGHTED YOU WILL BE HOSTING MADAME LYUDMILLA ZHIVKOVA AT THE METROPOLITAN TOMORROW TUESDAY. I HAD LUNCH WITH HER AT OUR RESIDENCE HERE LAST THURSDAY AND TOLD HER ABOUT YOU AND OUR PAST ASSOCIATION. ALTHOUGH SHE SPEAKS ENGLISH SHE PREFERS TO TALK THROUGH INTERPRETER. AS YOU KNOW, SHE IS NOT ONLY BULGARIA'S "FIRST LADY" BUT ALSO SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT OF POWER STRUCTURE HERE, WITH RANK OF MINISTER AND RUNNING THE ENTIRE INFORMATION AND CULTURAL ESTABLISHMENT. I HAVE NEVER REGARDED HER AS PRIMARILY A PERSON OF GREAT CULTURE. HER TASK ESSENTIALLY IS TO PROJECT BULGARIA ABROAD AND TO LIMIT AND CONTROL THE IMPACT OF FOREIGN CULTURE AND INFORMATION ON BULGARIA'S PEOPLE, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY SHE ALSO ENCOURAGES CULTURAL EXCHANGES WHEN THEY ARE OF BENEFIT TO THE REGIME HERE OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH BULGARIA'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. SHE HAS WRITTEN (SOME SAY HAD GHOST-WRITTEN FOR HER) A FINE BOOK ON A THRACIAN TOMB FOUND INTACT HERE, AND TALKS FREELY ABOUT MATTERS HISTORICAL AND ARTISTIC PERTAINING TO BULGARIA. ESSENTIALLY, HOWEVER, SHE IS A POLITICAL

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LEADER, THOROUGHLY STEEPED IN DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM AND CLEARLY ON THE RISE BECAUSE SHE KNOWS HOW TO MANAGE AND CONTROL PEOPLE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE BULGARIAN REGIME. SHE HAS HAD A DISFIGURING AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT SOME YEARS AGO WHICH, SHE SAYS, WORKED IN HER A SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION. YOU WILL FIND HER QUITE AFFABLE. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT HER IS THAT DADDY IS NUMBER

ONE IN BULGARIA, SO MUCH SO THAT THERE REALLY ARE NO  
NUMBER TWO AND NUMBER THREE AT THIS TIME, ESPECIALLY  
AFTER ONE OF THE PRESUMPTIVE NUMBER TWOS WAS UNCERE-  
MONIOUSLY OUSTED A FEW WEEKS AGO. WARM REGARDS.  
MARTIN.

MARTIN F. HERZ  
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR  
SOFIA, BULGARIA  
HERZ

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